

*Place:* Pentagon—Washington, DC.

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board (ASB) C4I Issue Group will commence an Issue Group Study on "A Strategy for Leveraging Commercial Technologies for Future Army Radios." There will be assorted briefings to the Future Army Radio Study Group. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please call Michelle Diaz at (703) 695-0781.

**Michelle P. Diaz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education

June 15, 1995.

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Request for comments on agencies applying to the Secretary for initial recognition or renewal of recognition.

**DATES:** Commentors should submit their written comments by August 4, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and State Liaison Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:**

The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written comments on the agencies listed in this notice that have applied for initial or continued recognition. All comments received in response to this notice will be reviewed by Department staff as part of its evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the criteria for recognition. In order for Department staff to give full consideration to the

comments received, the comments must arrive at the address listed above not later than August 4, 1995. Comments must relate to the Secretary's Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies.

The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (the "Advisory Committee") advises the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies. The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet November 28-30, 1995 in Washington, D.C. All written comments received by the Department in response to this notice will be considered by both the Advisory Committee and the Secretary. A subsequent **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests for oral presentation before the Advisory Committee on the agencies being reviewed. That notice, however, does not constitute another call for written comment. This notice is the only call for written comment.

The following agencies will be reviewed during the November 1995 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

#### Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies and Associations

##### *Petition for Initial Recognition*

1. National Association of Private, Nontraditional Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Higher Education (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of private, nontraditional colleges and universities)

##### *Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of private, postsecondary institutions and programs offering allied health education)

2. Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of private, postsecondary degree and non-degree-granting institutions that are predominantly organized to educate students, for trade, occupational, or technical careers)

3. Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of private postsecondary schools, junior colleges, and senior colleges that are predominantly organized to educate students for business careers, including master's degree programs in senior colleges of business)

4. American College of Nurse-Midwives, Division of Accreditation

(requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of basic certificate and master's degree nurse-midwifery educational programs)

5. American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of professional degree programs)

6. American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of programs leading to the DDS or DMD degree, advanced general dentistry and specialty programs, general practice residency programs, and programs in dental hygiene, dental assisting and dental technology)

7. American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of occupational therapist education and occupational therapy assistant education)

8. Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiology Technology [formerly recognized in cooperation with the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association but now requesting recognition on its own] (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of educational programs for the radiographer and the radiation therapist)

9. Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (formerly recognized in cooperation with the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association but now requesting recognition on its own) (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of postsecondary educational programs in nuclear medicine technology throughout the United States)

10. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Secondary Schools (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation of public vocational and technical schools offering non-degree postsecondary education in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

11. National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of postsecondary schools and departments of cosmetology arts and sciences)

12. National League for Nursing, Inc. (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of programs in practical nursing and diploma, associate,

baccalaureate and higher degree nurse education programs)

13. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation of degree-granting colleges and universities located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia)

14. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of senior colleges and universities located in California, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)

#### **State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education**

##### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Minnesota State Board of Technical Colleges

*Interim Report* (An interim report is a follow-up report on an accrediting agency's compliance with specific criteria for recognition that was requested by the Secretary when the Secretary granted recognition to the agency)—

1. Arkansas State Board of Vocational Education

#### **State Agencies Recognized for the Approval of Nurse Education**

##### *Petition for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Colorado State Board of Nursing

#### **Public Inspection of Petitions and Third-party Comments**

All petitions and interim reports, and those third-party comments received in advance of the meeting, will be available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, ROB-3, Room 3915, 7th and D Streets, SW., Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone (202) 708-7417 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**David A. Longanecker,**

*Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

#### **Financial Assistance Award; Intent To Award Cooperative Agreement to Advance Science, Inc. (ASI)**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of non-competitive financial assistance award.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy announces that pursuant to 10 CFR 600.15(a)(2), it is making a discretionary financial assistance award based on the application meeting the criteria of 10 CFR 600.7(b)(2)(i)(H) to Advance Science Inc., (ASI) under Grant Number DE-FG01-95EW55088. The proposed grant will provide funding in the estimated amount of \$2,999,000 over a two year period, to develop an innovative framework for risk communication and public outreach, risk assessment, and risk management.

ASI's proposed approach is designed to communicate complex environmental information to workers and the general public in an appealing and understandable manner. This project is designed to educate and inform a broad spectrum of people in the United States about specific risks associated with environmental management activities (including technology development, decontamination and decommissioning, waste management, and environmental restoration), by providing technically accurate information in a readily understandable format.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Energy has determined in accordance with 10 CFR 600.14(d) that the application submitted by the Advance Science, Inc., is meritorious based on the general evaluation of the factors. The basis for the Team's risk assessment approach is the Safety Assessment Comparison (SACO) methodology, a methodology which allows, and in fact requires, the involvement of all interested parties (workers, the public, regulators, and other stakeholders) at all stages in the risk assessment process, from problem definition to evaluation of results.

Environmental issues—particularly those related to the effects of environmental degradation and cleanup on human health—are among the most controversial issues in our society. ASI's approach should allow for an informed national debate about major environmental issues including, for example, contamination and environmental cleanup.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please write the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Placement and Administration, Attn: Dennis Roth, HR-561.22, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C. 20585.

The anticipated term of the proposed grant is 24 months from the date of award.

Award is anticipated for July 21, 1995.

**John M. Albers,**

*Contracting Officer, Headquarters Operation Division B, Office of Associate Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Headquarters Procurement Operations.*

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#### **Office of Nonproliferation and National Security; Fundamental Review of Classification Policy**

**AGENCY:** Office of Nonproliferation and National Security, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to hold public meetings in conjunction with its Fundamental Review of Classification Policy. The review will examine all aspects of the Department of Energy's classification policies in light of the end of the Cold War. An information packet containing a summary of this effort, and a questionnaire soliciting public comment on the review and options regarding future meeting locations is available from the point of contact upon request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** W. Gerald Gibson, Director, Technical Guidance Division, USDOE, Office of Declassification (NN-522), 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874, (301) 903-3689.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The end of the Cold War resulted in a unique opportunity for the Department of Energy to re-evaluate the guidance with which it classifies information for the protection of the common defense and security. On March 16, 1995, the Secretary of Energy initiated a year long review of the Department's classification policies. The review is being chaired by Dr. Albert Narath, President of Sandia Corporation. It will examine all areas of classified information falling under the purview of the Department of Energy. Its purpose is to identify which information continues to require protection in support of the common defense and security in light of the end of the Cold War, and which no longer requires such protection. As part of this endeavor the public is requested to submit their written comments on any aspect of the Department's classification policies for consideration by the Fundamental Review panel. Specific comments regarding the Restricted and Formerly Restricted Data system, National Security Information under the purview of the DOE, or the